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Radio Address by Mr. J. M. Wheatley, Chancellor

Wednesday, January 19th., 1944

I am speaking tonight particularly to the farmers and land owners in the area known as the "C. P. R. Western Irrigation Block", in the interests of the retention of the irrigation system for this area.

Some nine or ten months ago it was brought to the attention of the Municipalities serving this area that it was the intention of the C. P. R. to discontinue delivering water in canals where they had no further obligation; in other words, where all the contract signers had signed off their water rights. The Councils were requested to use their best interests to retain this water, particularly on the "C" Canal system, for stock watering. A Committee representing three Municipalities, Bow Valley, Serviceberry and Conrich, interviewed the Minister of Agriculture, requesting that he use his offices to bring this about. As a result of his negotiations, the C. P. R. decided to continue delivering the water for one more year, on the understanding that the farmers in the Western Block make some arrangements to take over the Block and operate it.

Arising out of this request, several meetings were held throughout the district, culminating in a mass meeting at Strathmore, where a large committee was elected, representing every community in the area. This large committee in turn elected a small committee comprised of Mr. J. McArthur, Chairman; Mr. James Harwood of Strathmore; and Mr. George Boyack of Keoma; together with myself, J. M. Wheatley of Chancellor, as a negotiating committee to make arrangements for the transfer of this district on a satisfactory basis suitable to the farmers.

We have had the services of Mr. P N. Sauder, the Director of Water Resources for the Province of Alberta, as our technical adviser, who has given us invaluable service. We were also fortunate in securing the services of Mr. J. E. Brownlee, K. C., as our legal adviser. As a result of the negotiation which lasted for several months, we finally arrived at a deal which in our opinion is a good one, and which was as follows:—

The C. P. R. were to turn over to the farmers the entire irrigation system valued at over $5,000,000 free of debt, together with all the existing equipment and supplies on hand, including all the ditch riders' properties, such as buildings and lands. They were also to turn over the irrigation headquarters at Strathmore, comprising some 377 acres of land, together with most of the buildings. Over and above this the C. P. R. agreed to pay to the farmers the sum of $400,000 in cash. It was further agreed that for every acre remaining under contract to the C. P. R., the C. P. R. would pay the committee $20.00 per acre for the first 10,000 acres, and $10.00 per acre over the 10,000. This, in my opinion, as I have previously stated, is a mighty fine proposition.

The committee, on the advice of Mr. Sauder, the Director of Water Resources who is a practical irrigation expert decided that this project as it exists today could be operated for an annual outlay of $70,000. We therefore decided that we must have 45,000 acres signed up for irrigation at $1.00 per acre, the balance to be made up by stock watering payments.

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The Death of John Warrack

John Warrack, 70, of Strathmore, died suddenly at the home of his daughter, Mrs. L. Seville, 1330 11th. Ave. W., Tuesday evening. He arrived in the city on Tuesday on a business trip.

Born in Fintray, County of Aberdeen, Scotland, he came to Alberta and farmed in the DeWinton district from 1914 until 1924. Since that time he had farmed at Strathmore.

Surviving are his wife, Georgina, at Strathmore; five daughters, Mrs. Seville and Mrs. H. Raymond of Calgary; Mrs. S. Korek and Mrs. F. Koshowskie of Strathmore; Mrs. N. Woldum Ocean Falls, B. C.; four sons, A. C. 1 Thomas Warrack with the R. C. A. F. in Calgary; William, Calgary; Jack, Cheadle Alberta, Alexander, Strathmore; his mother, Mrs. Annabelle Warrack, New York; three sisters, Mrs. J. McKenzie Mrs. H. Pamdt and Margaret, New York; three brother, William, George and Jim, New York; 16 grandchildren.

Rev. S. R. Hunt will conduct services at Jacques' chapel Saturday at 2.45 p.m. The body will be cremated at the Calgary Crematorium.

Mr. Warrack has been a worthy citizen of the Strathmore district and he will be much missed by a large number of friends.

COMING EVENTS

The Tudor U. F. A. are holding a Leap Year Dance in their hall on Feb. 4th. Good music and lunch. Keep the date open.

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Rockyford Junior Red Cross are sponsoring a dance in the Rockyford Hall on Friday, February 11th. Jim Miller is the head of the committee on arrangements and is going after it in a very business like manner. Be there to give the youngsters a boost with your presence, while having a good time.

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The Ladies Aid of United Church are asking for 1944 donations to their Ration Fund. The sponsors of this fund ask for a donation of $2 from the Ladies of the congregation in lieu of the Teas which were previously given. The plan proved very successful last year.

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Card Party and Box Social, Cheadle Hall, Friday, February 4th. Ladies bring boxes. Proceeds in aid of Red Cross. J 27

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NOTICE— to the Members of the Carseland U. F. A. Meetings will be held the first Saturday of each month, until further notice.

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All Roads Lead To Nightingale on Friday February 4th., when the Annual Bachelors' Dance will take place. Bachelors— $1.00. Married Men and Ladies free. Supper free. Everybody welcome! ! ! F 4

SPORTS

HOCKEY ACTION! ! !

The Lyalta Leafs defeated Strathmore Redwings by a margin of 7 - 5 in a very exciting 70 minutes of action in the Strathmore Arena Wednesday evening. The game was all tied up at the end of three periods so they played ten minutes overtime Lyalta scoring two more well deserved goals.

The Strathmore Redwings with a few borrowed Leafs will play a Calgary R. C. A. F. team in the Strathmore Arena at 9 p.m. Saturday evening.

HAVE YOU SIGNED FOR EXTRA ACREAGE?

THE ELEVENTH HOUR IS FAST APPROACHING

WILL IT BE SAID OF YOUR SIGN-UP?

TOO LITTLE — TOO LATE

BURN'S PHILOSOPHY —So Say We All—

A king can mak' a belted knight,
A marquis, duke and a' that;
But an honest man's aboon his might
Guid faith he maunna fa' that!
For a' that and a' that,
Their dignities, and a' that,
The pith o' sense, and pride o' worth,
Are higher ranks than a' that.

Then let us pray that come it may—
As come it will, for a' that—
That sense and worth, o'er a' the earth
May bear the gree, and a' that:
For a' that, and a' that,
It's comin' yet for a' that,
That man to man, the warld o'er,
Shall brothers be for a' that!

School Board Annual Meeting

At the Annual Meeting of the School Board held Monday night in the Town Hall, there were as many ratepayers present as trustees.

M. B. Garrett was elected Chairman and called for the Principal's report and the Secretary-Treasurer's statement. Mr. S. H. Crowther pointed out in his report the general tendency throughout the country towards an increase of juvenile delinquency and asked the interest of parents to co-operate. The Secretary-Treasurer's report showed the Board to be in a favorable financial position, though very little has been spent on maintenance or improvement of the school buildings during the year.

Some discussion was held regarding the possibility and the feasibility of enlarging the High School accommodation, and in this connection a motion was made that the Board negotiate with the Wheatland School Board to ascertain the desirability of amalgamation with that body and also inquire into the experience of several other schools who have amalgamated.

A suggestion was made that the Home and School Association might disucss the advisability of amalgamation. It was further pointed out that the ratepayers, if they so felt, might demand a vote on the point.

A motion of thanks to the Board, the staff and officials for faithful service was passed and a suggestion made that since some of the Board's meetings were inevitably dry, that they should be provided with refreshment of the liquid variety, possibly milkshakes.

A suggestion was made that the Board add its voice to others to bring influence to bear on the Federal Government to help pay the cost of education. It was claimed that this is the only equitable method.

A motion was passed adopting the reports of the Principal and the Sec-Treas. and also authorizing their publication.

Radio Address by D. J. McKinnon, M.L.A.

JANUARY 20th., 1944

Good Evening— This is a message of great importance to the people who live in the area known and generally described as the Canadian Pacific Railway Company's Western Irrigation Block.

On you rests the responsibility of determinging the future of the irrigation system which has served your area for the past 30 years. If your support for it is not clearly and decisively indicated in the near future, this project may be completely abandoned.

Should this happen, within a few years the only water that will be available will be the water pumped from deep wells, or available from spring run-offs impounded in dams or dugouts

The committee that has been responsible for negotiation with the Canadian Pacific Railway relative to the future of the project, was elected at an enthusiastic meeting held in the district last spring. The committee was given instructions to make a deal with the company for the taking over of the system and the future operation of it by the farmers themselves.

This committee has worked conscientiously and as speedily as has been possible and, within the next two weeks, it must obtain sufficient signatures on the petitions now being circulated to warrant further action. If these signatures are not obtained with in the next week or two, the proposal to make of the Western Irrigation System a farmer-owned project will be dropped.

The members of this committee sought to place the facts very clearly before you at meetings held throughout the district during December. Your support for a farmer-owned Western Irrigation District was sought; you were asked to become water-users and to declare the extent to which you would participate in the use of water for irrigation and domestic purposes.

As the situation now stands, less than fifty per cent of the acreage considered necessary before the project can be proceeded with, has been signed up. The position is serious. This fact is not widely recognized. The chief reason for this lack of response to date may be apathy, but in my opinion another major cause is that only a few of you realize that unless the farmers of the district take over this system it will be only a matter of two or three years until no irrigation water whatever will be available in this area. As a matter of fact, unless action is taken immediately there will be no water next spring in secondary B and C canals serving all the northern part of the district. It was only through the good offices of the Canadian Pacific Railway that water delivery was made in this section last year. There was no obligation on the railway company to so deliver. There is no such obligation for the future.

Your committee, realizing the gravity of the situation, is taking this means of emphasizing the imperative necessity of sign-up action NOW.

The crucial stage in these proceedings therefore has been reached. You who have signed the petitions also have indicated the amounts of money you are prepared to contribute annually for the support and extending

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KILLED IN ACTION

Former Cheadle Flier Is Killed Overseas

VICTORIA Jan 25 (CP)—F/O Harry James Kirton, son of Mrs. R. Kirton, of Victoria, was killed last week on active service overseas, his mother has been advised. He was born and educated at Cheadle, Alberta, coming here five years ago. A brother, John is with the R. C. A. F. at Calgary.

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ROCKYFORD BOY KILLED IN ACTION

Word was received by Mrs. Morrison (Yorke) that George Yorke has been killed in action with the Mediterranean Forces overseas. It is not a year since George signed up and he had only been overseas a short time.

He has lived in Rockyford most of his life and well-know there.

ROCKYFORD

By K. M. G.

We are very sorry to hear of the departure of Bob Fuller around the first of February. He has enlisted in the army.He has built up a nice business where he carried many lines besides his billiards, such as a barber shop, a ice cream parlor, a news stand and all these will be missed very much.

Mr. and Mrs. S. McLuhan are back from their new home at Castor for a visit with their daughter, Mrs. F. Dunsmore. They speak quite highly of their new location, as Mr. McLuhan has bought the Drug Store there.

It was announced on Sunday last at St. Rita's Church, Rockyford, that His Holiness Pope Pious XII had awarded Mr. Frederick Stinn of Rockyford the Papal Distinction, "Benemerenti". This honor was forwarded through the Apostolic Delegation, Ottawa, to His Excellency Most Rev. F. P. Carroll, Bishop of Calgary. On the arrival of the insignia, a formal presentation will take place in St. Rita's Church, Rockyford.

ENTHUSIASTIC MEETING AT GLEICHEN

—IRRIGATION COMMITTEE ENCOURAGED—

More Farmers Increase Acreage

At a meeting of farmers to discuss irrigation held Saturday in Gleichen, the general trend was encouraging to the committee. Large numbers of those present doubled the acreage they had previously signed for.

Mr. J. A. McArthur acted as chairman and other members of the committee present were James Harwood W. E Thompson and J. C. Corbett. The meeting was very well attended, some hundred and fifty interested hearers being present.

The committee had no new developments to offer. Everything now, they said, has been turned over to the water users, and it is up to them to act now. The speakers reiterated their former points and encouraged those present to pledge much more than the minimum.

Numerous questions were asked and an interesting discussion ensued. Optimism was expressed as farmers continued to pledge larger acreage. One man alone got signatures for 1000 acres in a short time.

Following the meeting, Mr. Emil Cammaert of Rockyford called together his sub-committee, and they are now back on the road canvassing for larger acreage, as they well realize the importance of the water.

WHEATLEY ADDRESS

RADIO ADDRESS BY MR. J. M. WHEATLEY, CHANCELLOR

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During the last month, public meetings were held in nearly every community in this Irrigation Block at which all details were explained to the farmers, and petitions were circulated requesting the Provincial Government to set up an Irrigation District, authorizing the farmers to take over this project from the C. P. R. on the conditions I have already mentioned.

Last week, as a result of tabulating the figures on these petitions we found that while practically all of the farmers signed to continue the irrigation system, in almost every case the farmers signed for too small an acreage, and in many cases we found them taking only the minimum of thirty acres. The result was that we found ourselves with only 20,000 acres of irrigation being signed up an about $3000 worth of stock water. This, together with the existing contracts still in effect which would be assigned to the district gives us about half the desired acreage. The committee are using this medium of drawing to the attraction of the farmers in the Western Block the seriousness of the situation, for while many districts in many areas in the three Western Provinces are requesting the Federal Government to spend money on irrigation systems, we have here in our midst one of the best systems, and the easiest to keep up, anywhere is Western Canada, and we are getting a system in operating condition without assuming $1.00 of capital debt and all that we are required to raise is money enough to pay for the delivery of water.

It would be a serious blow for great parts of this district if we allow this system to be discontinued. So, farmers and friends, I am appealing to you as a last resort to contact your committee men and increase your irrigation acreage by at least double, that is, those of you who have that acreage available. I can tell you definitely now that unless we complete the arrangement with the C. P. R. whereby we take over the project no water will be delivered next year in any canal where they have no further obligation, and on the other it will only be a matter of time when they will have concluded a satisfactory settlement with all existing contract holders, and at that time they will cease to operate the entire Western Irrigation System. Some farmers may have the idea that we get sufficient natural moisture in the form of rain, but as our district is gradually changing from a grain growing area to a mixed farming area, it is most important that you ensure the production of feed grain and fodder.

Do you realize that if the dry years return your trees wil die, and perhaps some of your wells go dry? There will be no water in any of the creeks and spillways except during spring run off, for your stock. This area is situated in what is known as the "Palliser Triangle" and was recognized as a drought area even in the early lays, by Captain Palliser. As a proof that the dry years may return, with drastic results for the farmers and businessmen alike, the Federal Minister of Agriculture, Mr. James Gardiner, recently announced that 880 Townships in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, had qualified for bonuses under The Prairie Farm Assistance Act" this year, because the yield of wheat in these Townships was eight bushels, or less. Surely you must see what a grand insurance policy it would be to have the water available in the ditches when these dry spells come along.

We have two other large Irrigation District in Alberta, namely, the Lethbridge Northern, charging $1.25 per acre, and the Eastern Irrigation Block, charging $1.60 per acre. Both these Districts are operating quite satisfactorily, and here is our District prepared to deliver water at $1.00 per acre This is one of the best propositions in Western Canada.

We have set January 29th., as the cut-off date, after which it will be difficult or impossible to accept additional acreage. If we do not have close to the required acreage, then we may be forced to abandon the whole proposition, and I venture to say that those of you do not sign for a large enough acreage now, when wou have the irrigable land, wil probably be going around with a petition in a few years, asking the Prairie Farm Rehabilitation Board to do something for you. My suggestion to you, and I do mean everybody, is keep the present system and operate yourselves.

Your committe man will not be calling on you again, and so the responsibility for retaining the water in this earea lies squarely on your shoulders. If you really wish to continue the irrgation system in your area, contact your local committee man, go to the Municipal office, or see your local paper, as to where to go to increase your signed-up acreage. This is most important- Do it now, or it may be too late. Listen in again tomorrow evening at 7.15 on the same Station to Mr. Don McKinnon, M. L. A., who will speak to you on the same subject. Thank you and goodnight!

Lonely Prisoners of War NEED MORE LETTERS

Reg Poppin, who is a prisoner of war in Germany has written to a Strathmore friend appealing for more letters.

Letters and boxes from home and friends are appreciated beyond words to tell and go far to sustain one's courage and faith in people.

Let it not be said of us that one we know is depressed and lonely because of receiving no letters from friends.

Reg Poppin's address may be had from Miss Cerydwen Tudor of Strathmore.

Remember the Golden Rule "As ye would" and act accordingly.

Drive to Sell War Savings Stamps by Food Houses in February

We have received following from Provincial Public Relations Section of the National War Finance Committee for Alberta at Calgary.

The Food Industry of Canada is putting on a Drive during the month of February for the sale of War Savings Stamps. They are organizing each retail food store in your district to aid in this effort. This is being done through the wholesale houses in the leading centres of Alberta. Travellers from these firms will be calling on the retail grocers of your own community asking them to pledge their support in this drive.

The Province of Alberta has been asked to raise in this food Drive $90,000 which is 50 per cent more than the total sales in a drive which was held a year ago this coming February. This means that a more intensive effort will be required of each retailer co-operating in this drive. In the cities the large retailers are being asked and have agred to sponsor advertising in the daily papers urging the people to buy War Saving Stamps through their stores. And many merchants throughout the smaller centres are expected to follow their example.

It is very necessary that Stamp Sales be stimulated in Alberta as we have been advised by Ottawa that the for Alberta are the second lowest in the Dominion of Canada.

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"Man overboard," cried the Navy recruit on his very first voyage abroad a transport.

The ship's engines were reversed and the Captain came rushing up from his cabin. The sailor saluted smartly and then said, "I regret to report, sir, that I made a mistake when I cried 'Man overboard'."

"Confound these dumb recruits," mumbled the Captain, and signaled for full steam ahead.

"Yes, sir," continued the sailor, "It wasn't man at all. It was one of them there nurses."

CHIEF ENGINEER

L. J. Marshall, chief engineer at station CBK Watrous (540 kc.) looks over some of the materials in CBK's storehouse of spare parts. The CBC's prairie regional transmitter, broadcasting on a clear channel with 50,000 watts, is western Canadas most powerful station.

First Ghost— Where did you get the bump on your head?

Second Ghost— Oh, I was coming through the keyhole as usual when some darn fool put the key in.

A soldier to his girl-friend—

"I am sorry I can't tell you where I am, because I am not allowed to say. But I venture to state that I am not where I was, but where I was before I left here to go where I have just come from.

NAMAKA MENNONITES HOLD ANNUAL MEETING

The Mennonite Settlers of Namaka Farm held their annual meeting on January 11th., 1944, where questions of the "Mennonite Relief Program" were dicussed. Since the start of the war the Mennonites have taken an active part in helping those who suffer immeasurable under this cruel war. Most of the relief work is done in England, North Africa, The Near East and China, where our representatives are continually active. Homes have been established for the hard-stricken victims of war, who lost all their possessions.

War in England has been extremely cruel to very old people. The convalescent home, "Woodlands", is providing for aged and infirmed war victims. The War also has terrible effects on children. The nursery homes "Wickhurst Manor" and "South Meadows," provide help for children who have been victims of bombing in the large cities. "Taxal Edge" is a convalescent home for boys.

Upon the occupation of France our workers were interned with the American Consulate in Baden Baden, Germany. According to the latest information, the work is continuing under native personnel with remaining Mennonite Central Committee funds. Relief efforts in France brought much needed food to school children who were living on a sub-marginal dietary level. Food was also distributed to the mothers and children of needy families. Many refugees received individual help.

The free will contribution to our Mennonite Relief Program of the past ten months show the following figures

In Cash—

Canada—	$27,000.00
U. S. A.—	$98,186.00

In Clothing—

Canada—	$13,000.00
U. S. A.—	$14,287.77

These contributions are gathered every month.

The total donations of the settlers reached the sum of $312.00 Giving becomes a privilege when it consists in sharing."

An additional question at this meeting dealt with the work of the Red Cross. It was learned that the settlers had gladly donated their share to the Red Cross, the amount being $108.00, but at the same time it was felt that still more could be done this year.

At the close of the meeting the decision was made to render far more to the Red Cross in the near future.

Geo. Thielmann.

Daughter— But, dad, don't you believe that two can live as cheaply as one?

Dad— Why, sure, here are your mother and I living a lot cheaper than you are.

Witty Boarder— Ah, your steak is like the weather this evening, madam. Rather raw.

Witty Landlady— Indeed- By the way, your board bill is like the weather too. Unsettled.

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It has always seemed to me a curious fact that money is forthcoming in any quantity for a war, but that no nation has ever yet produced the money on the same scale to fight the evils of peace — poverty, lack of education unemployment, ill-health. When we are prepared to spend our money and our efforts against them as freely and with the same spirit as against Hitler, we shall really be making progress.— Field Marshall Lord Wavel.

LANGDON

— By M. E. M. —

Roy Whitney entertained the Hockey Boys of the Senior Room on Friday evening. Bingo was enjoyed, after which refreshments, with all the ice cream they could eat, were served.

A larg crowd did justice to the good supper served by the Ladies' Aid in the W. I. rooms on Saturday evening. Rev. A. R. Aldridge, in a short informal talk, told of the efficient work of Mrs. Scott as President of the Aid for several years. Mrs. Scott is leaving this week for a holiday of several weeks after which she expects to go into some form of war work.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Clark and two children were week-end visitors at the home of her parents Mr. and Mrs. A. McNeil. Jack, who is a navigator in the R. . A. F. is home on leave from a course in Winnipeg, after which he leaves for more training in the East.

Mrs. Fred Dain was taken to the Holy Cross Hospital on Saturday and on Sunday morning an operation for appendicitis was performed. Best wishes for a speedy recovery to Mrs. Dain.

At the second 500 party the I. O. O. F. is held George Whitney and Mrs W. Page won first prizes while K. Moe and Mrs. E. Armstrong won the consolations. The next party is on Friday, Jan. 28th.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Anderson entertained at four tables of "500" at their home last Friday. A delightful time was enjoyed. Mrs. A. Heckle and Mr. E. Dick won first, while Mrs. J ates and K. Moe had to be content with "boobies".

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Braden left last week for Walla Walla, Washington to visit their two daughters. They stopped at Spokane on their way, and will also visit with relatives and friends in Idaho and Oregon.

The postponed Annual meeting of the Women's Institute was held on Jan 19th., and al officers were re-elected. Mrs. L. Anderson was elected as director in place of Mrs. S. Scott. For the first time since the W. I. was organized in 1920, meetings will be held only once a month, the first Wednesday at 2.30 o'clock. Mrs. E. and Mrs. K. Albertson were hostesses at the meeting.

The Church in the Wildood was the scene of an earl yevening wedding on January 18th., at 5.30 o'clock, when Mrs. Lily B. Van Brunt, daughter of Murdock MacKenzie of Edmonton, became the bride of Chester J. Stevens, of Langdon. The Rev. H. R. Jewell officiated. After the ceremony about thirty guests attended a reception held at the Empress Hotel. Hearty congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Stevens from the Langdon community where Chester has lived nearly al his life.

Sincere sympathy is extended to Mr. and Mrs. F. Taggart in the death of his brother David, of Milo, Alberta. David was visiting at his brother's home in Langdon and died suddenly of a heart attack last Wednesday evening. The funeral services were held at the Little Chapel on the Corner on Monday and Interment at Vulcan.

Miss Marguerite McLellan of Calgary was a week-end guest at the E. Armstrong home.

Miss Barbara Anderson attended the Junior U. F. A. Convention as a delegate. Several from here went to the dance on Thursday evening. Among them Mr. and Mrs. J. Brander Jr. and

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of the system. In this way ,each of you has made an individual estimte of the value of the system to yourself, your family, and to the district. Some of you recorded a much higher valuation than others. The response to the petitions, however, indicates the community as a whole does not consider the system of sufficient value to the district to warrant its continued operation.

It has been argued by some that our governments, since they are considering spending large sums of money for new irrigation and stock water project, cannot afford to allow the Western Irrigation System to be abandoned. Let me point out that in all cases where the governments have spent, or may spend money, it has been and will be spent, only for the construction of works. It will be spent only for capital charges. The responsibility of operation and maintenance is definitely placed upon those who are benefiting, or may benefit from such works.

In the case of the Canadian Pacific Railway Western Irrigation District, the works are complete. These comprise a system today valued at $5,000,000. The railway company has accepted a proposition to turn over to the farmers, as a going concern, this five million dollar system without one cent of capital charge against it. The company has agreed to turn over to the farmer water-users the entire project together with all records and maps pertaining thereto, all equipment and stores on hand, sufficient buildings and land for headquarters and ditch-riders, and $100,000 in cash as a maintenance and operation fund to ensure the reorganization getting off to a good start. Surely such a proposition is worthy of attention. Surely it is worth far more than the estimated value you placed upon it by the figures on the petitions as these stand at the present time.

Most of you read the funny papers, and often have seen the cartoon "Born Thirty Years Too Soon". Perhaps this project was "Born Thirty Years Too Soon". Had it never been constructed, I am sure you would all be making every effort to have it undertaken as a post-war project. And I am just as sure that should it be abandoned now, it would not be many years until efforts would be made to have it rehabilitated. I believe such efforts would be in vain. I believe this because of the ridiculously low value you appear to now place upon it. And, further, the license for taking water out of the Bow River, if the system is abandoned, will be cancelled. Undoubtedly the water would be allotted to other districts further down the river, districts which are keen to extend the benefits of irrigation, and are already acting toward that end. The railway company still has a license for sufficient water to serve this district. This will remain in force if there is sufficient sign-up on the petition to establish a former-owned organization and take over the operation of the system. But the license will not remain in force and the water will be lost unless each of you makes it his business to retain these.

The worth of the Western Irrigation District cannot be estimated solely on its usefulness to those of you to day residing in the area. Its value in the lives and fortunes of future generations also must be reckoned.

For many years yours was principally a wheat producing area. In recent years drastic changes have come about until now it is a region of diversified production with emphasis on live stock.

The possibilities of further diversification are multiplied many times over if this irrigation system continues in operation. Admittedly the full potentialities of the system, through diversified farming, have not been realized, but the opportunities through intensification and extension of the practice of irrigation here, are unlimited.

What intensified irrigation has done in this Province in the building of farm homes, increasing the happiness of rural families and stabilizing agricultural income has been amply demonstrated. Think of the Brooks, Lethbridge, Taber and Glenwood districts. The farmers and ranchers of these areas, who know what irrigation has done for their business, would be amazed if they knew of the apparent apathy of the residents of the Western Irrigation District. They would be unable to coprehend it. On the sole basis of self-interest, it is hard for anyone to understand it.

Those of you who attended the meetings held throughout the district in December will recall that I emphasized at those meetings, that apart from my personal interest, I wanted to know the general attitude in connection with the proposal, so that I would know how best to act in your behalf, when, and if, this matter came before the Legislature. I was very optimistic as a result of these gatherings, and felt I would be remiss in my duty if I did not make every effort to save the Act passed through the Legislature. I still believe you want me, and the other members of the committee to use every effort to have this project kept in operation. I cannot believe that many of your have done justice to your interest in the system by the meagre figures you have recorded on the petition.

I continue to hope you will reconsider this matter and sign up for sufficient acreage to warrant the support I believe, and I feel you believe, this project deserves.

To summarize the position we find ourselves in at moment. There has not been sufficient sign-up to warrant the committee or any other agency taking further action. Unless a substantial increase is obtained the district will lose—

1.— The whole five million dollar irrigation system.

2.— The cash contribution the Canadian Pacific Railway is prepared to make.

3.— The license for taking water from the Bow River.

The last, but by no means the least consideration, is the increased potential for diversified farm production and the heritage it would be criminal to deny future generations.

Let me emphasize the urgency of your further and generous support in this important matter.

Contact your local committeeman, the canvasser who previously called upon you, or your municipal secretary. If you have even a small measure of concern for the future of your district ACT NOW!

NAMAKA

By M. W

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Thomson motored to High River last week to spend a few days with their daughters.

Mrs. Moss spent a couple of days visiting her mother in Arrowwood.

Keith Wheeler is home from Prince George, B. C. spending a week's leave.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Roland and baby of Carseland spent Sunday at E. W. Buker's.

Miss Jean Aitkens and Ruben Watts spent the week-end at their homes.

Sgt. Glew has been relieved by Sgt. Douglas this week at the Firing Range.

Pretty Customer— I'd like a pair of shoes please.

Clerk— Very well, ma'am. How many sizes too small would you like them?

Mr. Albert Bishop.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. John Brander was the scene of a very happy gathering on Monday evening when approximately 65 of their friends and neighbors surprised them. Bingo, cards and contests helped To make the evening a success, the lucky winners at cards being Mrs. G. Whitney and Mr. F. Thomas. At midnight a delicious and plentiful lunch was served by the ladies after which Kermit Moe, on behalf of those present, presented the happy young couple with a coffee table and tray. John and Ethel both warmly expressed their thanks. With the singing of "For They are Jolly Good Fellows" everyone wended their various ways homeward, after expressing best wish to Mr. and Mrs. Brander for a long and happy married life.

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STANDARD

— By Mrs. F. D. K. —

We are glad to report that Mrs. C. P. Dahl was able to return home from the General Hospital last Sunday. It was a happy family who drove up to the city on Sunday to bring their mother home.

Miss Sarah Raven was a week-end guest at the home of Rev. and Mrs. A. Husted Christensen.

Gwen Southall and Gerda Pederson both with the C. W. A. C.'s were home last week-end.

Mr. J. F. Pringle of Calgary was a visitor in Standard one afternoon recently.

* * *

The S. and S. Hall which has been a landmark in Standard for many years, is being torn down.

It was built many years ago as a Chevrolet Garage and machine shed by the late Mr. John Nordquist, one of Standard's pioneers. Later, Mr. Nordquist converted it into a hall and used the basement for his garage and repair shop.

It has been the scene of many a gala gathering. Old timers will recall the hall beautifully decorated for the Tennis Club dances and silver wedding anniversaries. Many local talent plays have also been staged there, as well as moving pictures in the later years. It has been the centre of community activities for many years and one cannot help but wonder what building will take its place.

No definite plans have been made for the disposition of the materials in the building.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Macadam attended the U. F. A. Dance at the Palliser Hotel last Thursday evening. They report excellent music and a splendid time.

Mr. Woodrow Wagler has commenced his training with the R. C. A. F. at Edmonton. Good luck Woody.

Mrs. Duncan Setter and baby son arrived on Friday from England to join her husband here. She is our first British war bride to arrive from overseas and we give her a warm welcome to the Standard Community and wish for her every happiness and the best of luck.

The Gleichen hockey team visited our local ring last Saturday evening. A good crowd was on hand to watch the game which resulted in victory for the Gleichen, with a score of 4 - 3.

The Active Service Club entertained at a whist drive and dance on Friday. There were nine tables of whist, with the young crowd arriving later for the dancing with the Setter orchestra supplying excellent music.

The Annual meeting of the Red Cross (Standard Branch) was held in the K. P. Hall on Wednesday evening Jan. 19th. Very few were present. A splendid report of the activities of this branch during 1943 was given. All officers were re-elected.

Mrs. J. Bracka has arrived in town to make her home here.

Wren Roseelen Ornbaun, who is stationed in Halifax, is spending a leave at home.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Milford Gregory, a daughter.

Bert Milbak was home on leave last week.

Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Rassmussen returned on Monday after spending several weeks with friends and relatives in Eugene Oregon.

CARSELAND

The Ladies Aid met last Wednesday at Mrs. Hilliard's home. Officers for 1943 were re-elected for 1944— President, Mrs. Barlow; Vice, Mrs. Gillespie Secretary, Mrs. Crowe; Treasurer, Mrs. Field.

Mrs. Floyd Cary and children left last week to join Mr. Cary in Vancouver.

The regular meeting of P. B. Club Club will be held at Mrs. Garnett's home February 2nd. A good attendance requested.

HUMANITARIAN MEMORIAL FUND FOR RELATIVES AND FRIENDS OF RECENTLY DECEASED PERSONS

The Salvation Army, Calgary, invite donations to their work which will be acknowledged to the bereaved families. They should be sent previous to the funeral and the date of same with names and addresses of the bereaved, and name of sender should be stated. The following will be pleased to accept donations on behalf of the Army

Carseland— Postmaster, W. Laurie
Namaka— M. A. Watts.
Feb. 10

ARDENODE

— By H. M. A. —

Mr. and Mrs. E. Olson were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Godfrey of Strathmore Sunday last.

Mrs. Wanda Plath, who hasn't been feeling well of late, has gone to Calgary to take treatments. We hope she will soon be fully recovered.

Lt. V. J. R. Hughes, who has spent several months on Kiska, is now home for a few weeks, enjoying a hard earned holiday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Dawson, Mr. and Mrs. E. Olson, Mrs. V. J. R. Hughes, Don Sarsons and Mr. P. E. Sarsons were dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Coles last Thursday evening.

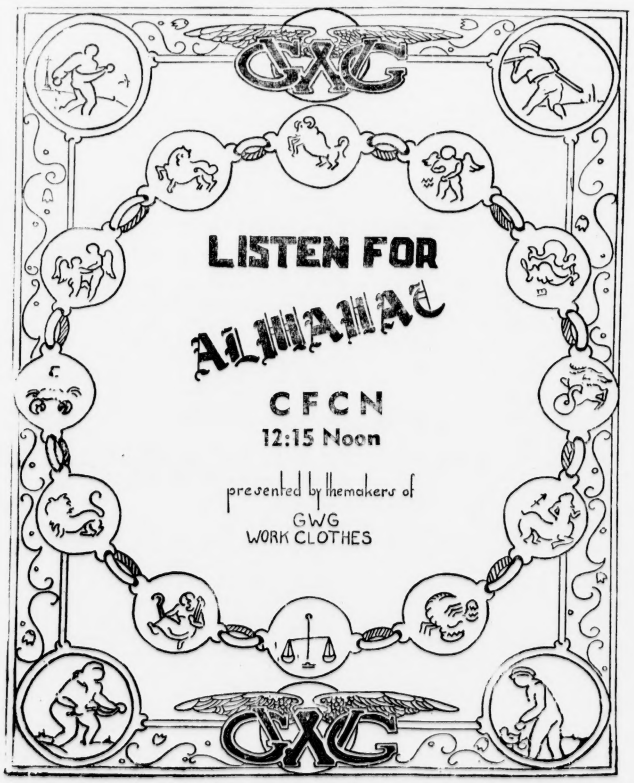
Mrs. V. J. R. Hughes and Mr. P. E. Sarsons entertained at bridge Monday evening.

Mrs. Fred Hilton accompanied Mrs. W. Plath to Calgary Tuesday.

Miss Mary Awcock spent the week-end visiting with friends in Calgary.

Miss Elaine Sarsons of Calgary was home for the week-end.

Mrs. A. M. Watson was a Calgary visitor Saturday last.



TEA & COFFEE Week

NABOB COFFEE— Per lb.	49c
FORT GARRY COFFEE— Per lb.	50c
RED ROSE COFFEE— Per lb.	48c
MAXWELL HOUSE COFFEE— Per lb.	50c
CHASE AND SANBORN COFFEE— Per lb.	50c
FRESH GROUND COFFEE— Per lb.	36c
Fort Garry Tea— Per lb.	80c
Blue Ribbon Tea— Per lb.	75c
Red Rose Tea— Per lb.	75c
Nabob Tea— Per lb.	75c
Ridgway Tea— Per lb.	98c
Salada, brown label Tea— Per lb.	85c

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AUDITOR'S Financial Statement

TOWN OF STRATHMORE

For the Year Ending December 31st, 1943

WEEKLY EDITOR AT OTTAWA

Capital squibs— A loud-speaking system installed at the Ottawa Union Station will announce train times, tracks etc.; badly needed where huge throngs always gather for trains . . . Opened last July, the Women's Service Club canteen has served 50,329 service girls already, the committee reports. . . . The guy is psychic: T. G. Lewis, a carbon and ribbon co. president here found a book of raffle tickets in his desk sent by a friend in Woodstock, decided to send along $5 and won himself a model horn valued at $4000 . . . Famous negro band leader "Cab" Calloway played Ottawa but wanted to see it from a taxi-cab . . . gave the cabbie $15.35 for a $10.35 fare, made the headlines. . . . Thieves who stole Public Works inister Fournier's automobile used it to carry stolen goods in two break-ins, got caught . . . . Army here reports Victory Loan subscriptions at Kiska in the Aleutians went over the $250,000 mark and that a French-Canadian regiment there broke all Army records, signing 100 per cent of personnel for more than 200 per cent of quota.

— RECEIPTS (General) —

BALANCES DECEMBER 31, 1942—		
Municipal Account—		
Bank 2240.78; Cash on Hand 60.48	2301.26	
Social Services Tax Trust Account—		
Cash on Hand	10.13	
School Tax Trust Account—		
Bank 4818.21; Cash on Hand 299.53	5117.74	
Totals— Bank 7058.99; Cash on Hand 370.14		7429.13
RECEIPTS ON ACCOUNT TAXATION—		
Municipal Taxes only or Amalgamated Taxes	6746.27	
Social Service Taxes	263.44	
School Taxes	8581.73	
Total—		15591.44
LICENSES AND PERMITS—		
Dog Taxes	60.00	60.00
RENTS, CONCESSIONS AND FRANCHISES—		
Sundry Rentals	740.92	740.92
INVESTMENT EARNINGS—		
Interest Earnings	45.00	45.00
SERVICE CHARGES—		
Commissions	6.41	
Irrigation	40.50	46.91
RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES—		
Recreation Services, Rink	40.00	
Community Services including Cemetery	213.00	253.00
GRANTS AND SUBSIDIES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS—		
Dominion — Local Ration Board	157.24	157.24
MISCELLANEOUS—		
Assets Sold—		
Town Property Sold 10.00 Material 5.50	15.50	
Poll Taxes	172.00	
M. D. Bow Valley Dragline etc.	105.00	
Cash Advances By Secretary	.10	292.60
TOTAL		24616.24

— REVENUE —

TAXATION— For Municipal and Hospital purposes, or amalgamated tax levy—		
REAL PROPERTY—		
Land	1397.71	
Improvements, Buildings, Etc.	4834.33	6232.04
POLL—	172.00	172.00
OTHER— Electric Light and Power	140.00	140.00
TAXATION FOR SCHOOL PURPOSES—	8164.91	8164.91
SOCIAL SERVICE TAX—	245.46	245.46
LICENSES AND PERMITS— Animals	60.00	60.00
INVESTMENT EARNINGS—		
Interest on Investments	45.00	
Penalties and Costs 148.43	148.43	193.43
OTHER REVENUE— Rentals 740.92	740.92	
Social Services	6.41	
Rinks	45.00	
Cemetery	140.00	
Miscellaneous— Town Property and Material sold	15.50	
Drag Line Account 105.00; Irrigation 40.50	145.50	
Local Ration Board	157.24	1250.57
Total Revenue		16458.41
TOTAL—		16458.41
GRAND TOTAL Revenue Section		16458.41

— ASSETS —

NET BALANCES DECEMBER 31, 1943—		
Municipal Ac. in Bank 2119.38; C. on H. 207.16	2326.54	
Social Services Tax Trust Account—		
In Bank 57.54; Cash on Hand 6.50	64.04	
School Tax Trust Account—		
In Bank 5548.28; Cash on Hand 270.47	5818.75	
Totals— In Bank 7725.20; Cash on Hand 484.13		8209.33
INVESTMENTS— Victory Bonds	2500.00	2500.00
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE—		
Miscellaneous— Cemetery 10.00; Rink 50.00	60.00	60.00
TAXES RECEIVABLE— (not including Property acquired for Taxes)		
Municipal Taxes, Total 1878.04	1878.04	
Social Services, 133.32	133.32	
School, 6546.16	6546.16	8557.50
TOTAL ASSETS		19326.85

CAPITAL AND LOAN FUNDS BALANCE SHEET

GENERAL FIXED ASSETS—	7935.00	7935.00
TOTAL CAPITAL ASSETS—		7935.00

— PAYMENTS (General) —

GENERAL GOVERNMENT—		
Salaries— Sec.-Treas. $763.20; Audit Fees $60.00	823.20	
Legal Expenses	100.00	
Printing, Postage and Stationery	195.16	
Telephone $90.69; Insurance $99.91	190.60	
Local Ration Board $157.24 Association Fees $30.00	187.24	
Lights	59.50	
Cost of Living Bonus $151.20	151.20	
Exchange .55 Fuel $162.10	162.65	
Total—		1869.55
PROTECTION TO PERSON AND PROPERTY—		
Fire Department $179.10	179.10	
Street Lighting $1440.00	1440.00	1619.10
PUBLIC WORKS—		
Streets $387.90; Sidewalks $334.37	722.27	
Property $412.59; Workmen's Com. Board $18.20	431.09	
Hardware, Repairs and Lumber	238.35	
Handy Man's Salary $780.00; Bonus $151.20	931.20	
Team $280.00	280.00	2602.91
PUBLIC WELFARE—		
Indigent Relief $247.63; M. H. O. $50.00	297.63	
Hospital Bills $217.75; Diptheria $29.00	246.75	
Old Age and Blind Pensions $214.78	214.78	
Grants—School Fair 25.00; Wood's Home 20.00	45.00	
Blind Inst. 20.00; Salv. Army 50.00; Legion 3.50	73.50	877.66
EDUCATION—		
Public School Requisition	8000.00	
M. D. of Strathmore Commission Coll.	35.72	8035.72
RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES—		
Rinks $83.48; Cemetery $75.00	158.48	158.48
MISCELANEOUS—		
Savings Certificates or other Securities purchased	1000.00	
Social Services Taxes or Req. Remitted	208.49	
Dump Wagon	35.00	1243.49
BALANCES DECEMBER 31, 1943—		
Municipal Account—		
In Bank 2119.38; Cash On Hand 207.16	2326.54	
Social Services Tax Trust Account—		
In Bank 57.54; Cash On Hand 6.50	64.04	
School Tax Trust Account—		
In Bank 5548.28; Cash on Hand 270.47	5818.75	
Totals— In Bank 7725.20; Cash on Hand 484.13		8209.33
Above Cash on Hand was Deposited January 6th, 1944.		
TOTAL—		24616.24

— EXPENDITURE —

GENERAL GOVERNMENT (Administration)—		
Administrative	1869.55	1869.55
PROTECTION TO PERSONS AND PROPERTY—		
Fire Protection	179.10	
Street Lighting	1440.00	1619.10
PUBLIC WORKS— Streets and Sidewalks	722.27	
Town Property and Workmen's Compensation	421.09	
Hardware Repairs and Lumber 238.35 Team 280.00	518.35	
Handy Man and Cost of Living Bonus	931.20	2592.91
CONSERVATION OF HEALTH—		
Medical Health Officer	50.00	50.00
PUBLIC WELFARE—		
Charity and miscellaneous welfare, indigent relief	247.63	
Hospitalization and Medical Services	246.75	
Old Age and Blind Pensions	234.78	
Charitable Grants	118.50	847.66
EDUCATION— Public School Requisition	8164.91	8164.91
RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES—		
Recreation Services	83.48	
Community Services	75.00	158.48
DEBT CHARGES—		
Discount on Taxes & Cancellations on Prop. exempt 824.36		824.36
CAPITAL EXPENDITURES PROVIDED OUT OF REVENUE—		
Dump Wagon	35.00	35.00
SOCIAL SERVICES TAX Levy or Requistion	245.46	245.46
Total Expenditure—		16407.43
TOTAL—		16407.43
SURPLUS FOR YEAR (Excess of Revenue over Expenditure)		50.98
GRAND TOTAL Expenditure Section		16458.41

— LIABILITIES —

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE— Auditor	25.00	25.00
DUE TO PROVINCE—		
Old Age and Blind Pensions	220.00	
Workmen's Compensation Board	15.00	235.00
SOCIAL SERVICE REQUISITION or taxes to Province—		
Uncollected Taxes—	133.32	
Collections not Remitted—	65.08	198.40
SCHOOL REQUISITION or Taxes to School Board—		
Uncollected Taxes—	6546.16	
Collection not Remitted—	5663.75	12209.91
OTHER LIABILITIES—		
Liability to D. M. A. re Soc. Ser. Tax	359.00	
Cash advanced by Secretary	.10	359.10
SURPLUS —		6299.44
TOTAL LIABILITIES—		19326.85

CAPITAL AND LOAN FUNDS BALANCE SHEET

Investment in Capital or fixed assets		7935.00
TOTAL CAPITAL LIABILITIES—		7935.00

Financial Statement - Continued

REVENUE FUND SURPLUS (DEFICIT) ACCOUNT

Balance of Surplus (or Deficit) at beginning of Year—. Credit	6248.46
Surplus or Deficit for Year Under Review— Brought forward from Revenue and Expenditure Account— Credit	50.98
Balance of Surplus or Deficit at End of Year— Carried forward to Revenue Fund Balance Sheet— Debit	6299.44
TOTALS— Debit 6299.44; Credit 6299.44; Balance	6299.44

— GENERAL FIXED ASSETS —

Civic Offices— Land 100.00; Bldgs. 5900.00; Plant Equip't 300.00	
Fire Department— Plant Equipment	1000.00
Workshops, Yards and Other Buildings— Plant Equipment	635.00
Total General Fixed Assets— Land 100.00; Buildings 5900.00 Plant Equipment 1935.00 TOTAL	7935.00

— SUMMARY OF TAX ROLL FOR THE YEAR 1943 —

Analysis of Levy	Net Requirements exclusive of Provision for Debenture Debt Charges	Total Levy
TAXES LEVIED FOR— Municipal and Hospital purposes only or Amalgamated Tax Levy	6372.04	6372.04
Public School	8165.01	8165.01
TOTAL TAXATION REVENUE	14537.05	14537.05
Charges of Taxes Placed on Tax Roll for Collection—		
Social Services— TOTAL CHARGES	245.46	245.46
TOTAL TAXES RECEIVABLE		14782.41
PRIOR YEAR'S ASSETS ADDED TO CURRENT ROLL—		
Arrears of Taxes as at December 31, 1942		10626.20
1943 Penalties and Costs on Above		663.34
TOTAL FACE AMOUNT OF TAX ROLL		26071.95

— 1943 MILL RATES —

Municipal	25 and Special 6 Mills.
School— Inside	26 and Special 6 Mills.
Outside	17 Mills.
Social Services	5 Mills.

— TAXES RECEIVABLE AS AT DECEMBER 31, 1943 —

Social Services Tax Equalized Assessment Valuation $6000.00

	Total	Current Yr's Levy	Prior Yrs's Levy
Balance January 1, 1943	10626.20		10626.20
Current Year's Levy	14782.41	14782.51	
Penalties and Costs added in 1943	663.34		663.34
TOTAL DUE	26071.95	14782.51	11489.54
Collections in 1943, including Costs	15591.44	12746.22	2845.22
Discounts Allowed	1519.00	504.29	1014.71
Cancellations	403.99	403.99	
Uncollected Taxes, Dec. 31, 1943	8557.52	13654.50	3859.93

— TRUST TAX COLLECTION AND REQUISITION STATEMENT —

	Social Services	School
Trust Taxes Collected but not paid at Dec. 31, 1942, 10.13		5117.74
Collected in 1943	263.44	8581.73
TOTAL DUE)accounted for below)	273.57	13699.47
Paid in 1943 to Prov. Gov't, School, Hosp. Bd.	208.49	8035.72
Amts. Collected by Town but not paid Dec. 31, 1943, 65.08		5663.75
Amount of Requisition in 1943		8000.00
Total Requisitions Due		8000.00
Requisitions Paid in 1943		8000.00

— Capital Expenditure Provided Out of Revenue —

Sanitation— Dump Wagon — 35.00

— ANALYSIS OF INVESTMENTS —

Dominion Government— Revenue Fund— Total — 2500.00

— VERIFICATION OF CASH ON HAND AT DEC. 31, 1943 —

Cash on hand at Dec. 31, 1943 as per Cash Statement	484.13
Cash received between Dec. 31, 1943, and date of this Audit	89.40
TOTAL	573.53
Deduct cash deposited in Bank between Dec. 31, 1943 and date of this Audit	573.53

— LANDS UNDER THE TAX RECOVERY ACT —

Total Number of Parcels Finally Acquired by Town, but not Sold Sec. 20), as at Dec. 31, 1943	7
Number Under Tax Notification	16
Date Last Tax Notification Registered at L. T. O.	March 30, 1942
Date of Last Public Sale	July 14, 1941
Number of Parcels Sold at Private Sale in 1943— Total	2
Receipts from Lands Sold or Leased in 1943— Private Sale	10
Above Receipts have been credited as follows— Costs and Commissions— Total Tax Sale	10

— AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE —

I have audited the accounts of the Town of STRATHMORE for the year ending December 31st, 1943, and have compared the said accounts with their relative vouchers and certify that in my opinion the fore going financial statements are properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the financial affairs of the Town, according to the best of my information, the explanations given to me, and as shown by the records, subject to any qualifications mentioned in Auditor's Special Report herewith.

Dated at Strathmore this 21st day of January 1944.

L. M. KATTERHAGEN, Auditor, Rockyford, Alberta.

ROAD AND STREET MILEAGE— NO DETAIL—

— NUMBER OF PARCELS —

No. of Taxable Parcels	498
No. of Parcels Exempt	420
Total Number of Parcels	918
ESTIMATED POPULATION OF TOWN	540

— AREA OF TOWN— IN ACRES —

LAND (Including Streets, Lanes and Highways)—	
Land Vacant	1188
Land Built Upon	132
Total Land Assessed for Taxation	1320
Land Exempt from Taxation (Ex. of Public Parks, etc., Streets, Lanes and Highways), Playgrounds— No detail.	
Total Land Area	1320

— ASSESSED VALUATIONS —

Classification	Assessment Upon Which Taxes are Levied by Town Gen. Purposes (Net)	School (Net) Public	Exempt Gen. Pur.	Exempt Schools
Residential and Business *—	204573.00	204573.00	2824.00	2824.00
Total Buildings	204573.00	204573.00	2824.00	2824.00
Land	42274.00	56174.00	3204.00	6614.00
Total Real Property	246847.00	260747.00	6028.00	7438.00
Electric Light and Power	14000.00			
TOTAL ASSESSED VALUATIONS	260847.00	260747.00	6028.00	7438.00

— VALUATION OF PROPERTY EXEMPT FROM TAXATION —

Classification	Land	Buildings	Total
Provincial— Alta. Gov't Telephones	250.00	1500.00	1750.00
TOTAL PROVINCIAL	250.00	1500.00	1750.00
Municipal— Used by Town	100.00	2000.00	2100.00
Schools (Inc. Public, exclude Private	1000.00		1000.00
Property Acquired for Taxes	2925.00	4859.00	24089.00
Other— M. D. Strathmore	425.00	2150.00	2575.00
TOTAL MUNICIPAL	30755.00	9009.00	39764.00
TOTAL GOV'T PROPERTY	31005.00	10509.00	41514.00
Property Used for Educational, Religious, Charitable and Welfare Purposes—			
Taxes Levied and Cancelled Each Year—			
Used for Religious Purposes	1000.00	2438.00	3438.00
Charitable & Welfare Purposes	800.00	12800.00	13600.00
TOTAL	1800.00	15238.00	17038.00
Industrial and Business Enterprises—			
The Soldiers Relief Act— Taxes Levied and Cancelled Each Year	6614.00	2824.00	9438.00
GRAND TOTAL EXEMPTIONS	39419.00	28571.00	67990.00

— SECRETARY-TREASURER'S CERTIFICATE —

The information contained in this Report is as shown by the Books and Records of the Town, from my own observation, or obtained from other officials of the Town—and all of which I certify to be true and correct according to the best of my knowledge and belief, and in agreement with the Auditor's Report where necessary.

Dated— January 21st, 1944 — M. B. GARRETT, Sec.-Treas.

Grand Opera for Everybody

For thirty year, "Grand Opera For **Everybody" has been the slogan of the** San Carlo Opera Company coming to the Garnd Theatre, Calgary, on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, January 31, February 1 and 2, for five performances, two of which are matinees on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Year after year this organization has brown in favor, and this worldfamous organization has produced more great singers for the Metropolitan Opera Company than any other single musical organization. Each season the San Carlo Company has played in more cities and before larger audiences per performance.

The repertoire includes eighteen operas, and at Calgary they will present— "Aida," "Rigoletto," "La Traviata," "Faust" and "Carmen."

Sam— This here pudding sure is heavy stuff.

Bill— That's nothing. My wife made some last week that we couldn't eat, so she gave it our ducks. A few minutes later Herbert from down the street knocked at our door and said, "Mrs. Jones, your ducks have sunk."

TONGUE TWISTER

Bill owned a bill board, and Bill owed a board bill. Bill's board bill bored Bill, so Bill sold the bill board to pay the board bill and now Bill's board bill bores Bill no more.

Days Are Getting Longer

The poetic-minded inhabitant of the North Temperate Zone may warm himself in the dark early hours these days by remembering that its "always morning somewhere," but he's more likely to be cheered by the thought that the days are getting longer. And certainly this is especially true of the citizen whose last summer's Victory garden may be a thing of the past while the ten white Leghorn hens he invested in are still present to be fed.

When rosy-fingered dawn, hasn't even traced one line of light above the eastern margin of the sky, he must feed the chickens. Then, even if he lives in California, fabled clime, he notes nothing so much as the steely cold look of the leafless fig tree etched against the darkness or the chilly damp of the too tall grass he's neglected.

No one would ever guess he finds the life trying, of course, to hear him boast of his pre-dawn chores later at the office. This esprit of his is really wonderful and should be encouraged. The garden will soon have to be dug up again, and rows made ready for the planting.

—The Monitor.

RURAL GLEICHEN

Mrs. David MacBean is spending a few weeks with her daughter Mrs. Charlebois in Calgary.

Mrs. J. Bolinger has gone to Munroe Mich to visit her daughter, Mrs. Carl Bullard.

Bill Burne underwent an operation in Calgary last Friday. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Strange to say the high school students of this district dinn't enjoy their enforced holiday. They were thrilled to get back to work last Thursday morning, and hope no more schools burn.

Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Koefoed enjoyed a three-day sojourn in Calgary last week. Mrs. C. E. Messenger returned with them to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Koefoed.

Barbara Day went to Calgary Saturday to resume her studies at a business school.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Nunn spent several days in Calgary last week.

Mrs. A. F. Wilson and Mrs. R. J. Burne were the delegates from Gleichen U. F. W. A. Local, who attended the annual convention held in Calgary Jan 18 to 21. Others attending the Convention were David MacBean, Mrs. R. D. Oliver and Mrs. J. W. McArthur.

Mrs. Alec MacMillan (nee Norrie Legger) of Carmangay is spending the week visiting friends in this district. She formerly taught Living Spring and Shamrock Schools.

The mass Meeting held in Gleichen last Saturday afternoon regarding the irrigation situation was very well attended. Irrigation is indeed a very live subject at present.

CHANCELLOR

—By Mrs. J. M. W.—

Mrs. Edna Hobbs journeyed to Drumheller to visit Mr. Tow Lawson in the hospital there.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Chamney, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Macadam, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Wheatley and Mrs. F. Giberson attended the U. F. A. Dance in the Palliser Hotel on Thursday.

Miss Betty Williams and Beulah Jane Fenske spent the week-end at Milo and Cluny.

Wren Rosellen Ornburn is home from Halifax for 14 days. We are all very glad to see her looking so well. One person is especially pleased to see her.

Lt. Col. and Mrs. Tomlinson of Calgary spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. H. Chamney.

Mr. N. I. Hansen spent a few days in Calgary and was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Paulson.

Our genial butcher, Mr. Fred Christensen underwent an operation in the Holy Cross hospital. We wish him a speedy recovery.

John Hede left for Windermere, B. C. where he will visit Mr. and Mrs. Ted Bording.

Mrs. H. F. Fenske left on Tuesday for Los Angles, California for a three months vacation. We wish her a pleasant journey.

Mr. J. M. Wheatley returned home on Saturday.

Mrs. Annie Phillips visited her doctor on Thursday, and we are glad to report her eye is progressing very favorably.

Mr. and Mrs. Russel Kidd of Drumheller were visitors of Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Phillips on Friday evening.

Local News Items

Mrs. McGregor invited a few friends to tea Tuesday to enjoy a chat with Miss Alberta North. It being Burn's Birthday, Mrs. McGregor arranged delicious refreshments featuring the Land o' the Scot.

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Mr. and Mrs. Lounsbury left Monday for a holiday trip to the Coast.

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Mrs. H. Clark of Cluny arrived on Thursday to spend the week-end a guest of Mrs. J. Robison.

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The Ladies Aid will meet Thursday Feb. 3rd. at Mrs. McGregor's home.

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Mrs. Joe Robison arranged two tables of bridge Tuesday evening when a very happy evening was enjoyed. Winners of the pretty prizes were Mrs. Perry and Mrs. Ian MacKenzie.

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Mrs. F. Keith Beattie (nee Eileen Werling) left Calgary Friday evening for Montreal where she is meeting her husband, who has just returned from overseas after serving there two and one half years with the R. C. A. F.

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Mrs. Doug Hirtle arrived in Strathmore last Saturday to make her home with her parents-in-law for the duration.

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The Christening of Baby Keith Robert Hand, son of Capt. and Mrs. Leslie Hand, took place Sunday morning last, the ceremony being performed by Rev. R. W. Cowan. Mrs. Gladys Morgan and Mr. Hugh Berry acted as proxies for the baby's God-parents, W. O.2 Donald Hand, nephew of Captain Hand and Mrs. A. E. S. Warrington, who were unable to be present. The wee boy was given the name of Keith Robert.

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Rev. R. W. Cowan, who has been curate at the Pro-Cathedral is being transferred to Lethbridge, where he will take on his new duties this week.

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A number of friendly informal teas are being given for Miss Alberta North R. N., who is enjoying a month's visit with her parents after a year in the St. John's Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore.

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Cpl. C. Lyons arrived last Thursday from Kiska and says its certainly good to be home. We are only too glad to welcome home another of our boys.

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Percy Wright is home from the hospital, although his leg is far from well. We hope for a complete recovery soon.

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Ronnie Golder of the R. A. F. spent the week-end in Strathmore.

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George Keeling has passed his Medical and has enlisted in the Navy. He will report for training next week. Smooth sailings George.

WEDDINGS

ARENS - BEAGLE

The home of the bride's parents was the scene of a lovely wedding on Monday, January 3rd., when Clara Jean, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Beagle of Arrowwood became the bride of Pte. Clarence Arens of Calgary, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. John Arens of Beaver Valley, Sask.

Rev. E. Gnaggy officiated.

The bride was lovely in a teal blue tailored suit with rose accessories

February 6th., the first Sunday of the month, services will be conducted at Namaka 11.30; Crowfoot 2 p.m.; Nightingale at 4 p.m. by Rev. S. R. Hunt.

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The United Church School annually gives awards for attendance. These will be presented in the evening service Jan. 30th. Parents and friends are urged to attend.

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Word has been received by Strathmore friends that Duncan Gordon, who has been serving overseas with the R. C. A. F. has arrived back in Calgary. He was formerly employed in the local bank.

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT OPENS SESSION THURSDAY

Post-War problems, Social Reform and Health Insurance will form a large part of legislation.

CHOIR ENTERTAINS AT JOLLY PARTY

The United Church Choir were hostesses at a very happy social evening on Monday, when some thirty friends gathered in the basement to welcome Mrs. Doug Hirtle to Strathmore, our two boys, Lawrence Downey and Charlie McLean, home from Kiska.

Dr. Giffen organized many games which all played enthusiastically, causing much merriment.

A delicious lunch was then served by the choir, after which the three honored guests were called to the centre of the room by Dr. Giffen. In a few well-chosen words he welcomed Mrs. Hirtle to our town and said how glad he was that Lolly and Chuck had both returned to us safe and sound.

Everyone then joined hands and sang, "For They are Jolly Good Fellows", followed by three lusty cheers.

Lawrence then expressed his very sincere thanks to the choir for the jolly party and said, although Kiska was not nearly as black as it was painted, he was certainly glad to be home. He added, "If we ever get in another isolated spot, we'll try some of the games we played here tonight. That is, if we can find enough chairs."

Chuck then spoke of his experiences on Kiska, which he said were not half bad. He spoke very highly of the American boys and the good-will and fellowship that existed between them and the Canadians. He said he was really glad to be back and expressed his heartfelt thanks for the entertainment.

The party then broke up and everyone wended their way homeward.

Stuart Beagle of Carseland, brother of the bride.

Following the ceremony a lovely dinner was served to the guests.

After a brief honeymoon Mr. and Mrs. Arens will reside in Calgary where the groom is stationed.

Calgary, sister of the bride, wore a rose afternoon dress.

The groom was attended by Mr. The bridesmand, Miss Edith Beagle, of

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IN MEMORIAM

ANDERSON—
In loving memory of our dear uncle, William F. Anderson, who passed away on February 1st., 1943.
He is gone but not forgotten,
And, as dawns another year
In our lonely hours of thinking,
Thoughts of him are always near.
Days of sadness will come o'er us,
Friends may think the wound is healed,
But they little know the sorrow,
That lies withing the heart concealed.
Sadly missed by your niece and nephews, Edith, Gordon and Jackie.

IN MEMORIAM

ANDERSON—
In loving memory of my dear brother, William F. Andersan, who passed away on February 1st. 1943.
A silent thought, a secret tear
Keeps his memory ever dear;
Time takes away the edge of grief,
But memory turns back every leaf.
Your last parting wish
We would liked to have heard,
And breathed in your ear
Our last parting word.
Only those who have lost
Are able to tell
The pain in the heart,
At not saying farewell.
Lovingly remembered and sadly missed by your sister and brother-in-law, Margaret and Will.

IN MEMORIAM

ANDERSON—
In loving memory of Dad, William Anderson, who passed away Feb. 1st., 1943.
Nothing can ever take away
The love a heart holds dear;
Fond memories linger every day,
Remembrance keeps him near.
Ever remembered by Ella, Charlie and Billy.

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Church Notes

ST. MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS' (ANGLICAN)

Sunday, January 30th.
11.00 a.m.— Sunday School.
7.30 p.m.— Evensong,
With Ven. Archdeacon D. F. Kemp Lth. of Christ Church, Calgary, conducting service.

UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA
Strathmore — Alberta
Rev. S. R. Hunt, B.A., B.D.,

"Reverence for the Eternal is the way to life." —Proverbs.
Sunday, January 30th.
11.00 a.m.— Sunday School.
7.30 p.m.— Evening Worship.

Sunday, February 6th.
11.30 a.m.— Namaka.
2 p.m.— Crowfoot.
4 p.m. — Nightingale.

SACRED HEART CHURCH STRATHMORE

STRATHMORE—
Mass every Sunday 10.30 a.m. excepting the first Sunday of the month, when Mass will be at 10.0 a.m.
CARSELAND—
First Sunday of the month—
Mass at 11 a.m.
REV. M. FITZPATRICK, P. P.

UNITED CHURCH, CARSELAND
Rev. Walter E. Sieber, Minister
Dalemead— 10.30 a.m.
Carseland— 12.00 Noon.
Mossleigh— 3.30 p.m.

THE LUTHERAN CHURCH CAIRNHILL SCHOOL
"The Church of the Lutheran Hour"
Rev. W. A. Raedeke, Pastor.
3.00 p.m.— Divine Service.
4.00 p.m.— Sunday School.
9.00 p.m.— Lutheran Hour CFCN.

Berta Vale — Serviceberry Women's Institute

The Berta Vale-Serviceberry W. I. was held at the home of Mrs. Brook on Jan. 20th. Arrangements were made for a whist drive to be held at the Serviceberry School on Jan 25th. Miss Doris Hilton was welcomed as a new member.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Struble on Feb. 3rd. The roll call will be a handkerchief sale and current events and each member is requested to bring one or two quilt blocks.

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